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Our Mission Statement

The Library of Michigan is part of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. Dedicated to enriching quality of life for Michigan residents by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage, and fostering cultural creativity. The department also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office, and the Michigan Historical Center.



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Dear Members of Congress,

The federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) has provided invaluable resources to the citizens of Michigan through projects such as those listed in this report. The LSTA program, as administered by the Library of Michigan, encourages statewide resource sharing, equity of access, information literacy, and technological advances.

Today's library has not only kept the best features of yesterday's library but has expanded exponentially in the resources and services offered to the community it serves. We run the gamut from being community centers of discovery and learning for those ages zero to 100-plus to being providers of electronic information and reference, brought right to the desktop. Today's libraries are involved in digitization projects, preservation of valuable historical documents and archives, value-added Internet services (making sense of it all!), and instruction in information literacy skills that provide a springboard to this changing world.

We are able to bridge the "digital divide," the gap between the information "haves" and "have-nots," thanks to continued LSTA funding for libraries. This funding has targeted service to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy and information skills.

In Michigan, we are particularly excited about the collaborations that have been forged among libraries and between libraries and other organizations in the state. We have been working steadily toward statewide resource sharing, a "virtual library," which would result not only in any citizen's capability to view holdings of libraries in the state, but also in their ability to request items to be delivered to their nearest library for pick-

On behalf of librarians, library trustees, and the public who have benefited from this program, thank you for your continued support of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Christie Pearson Brandau

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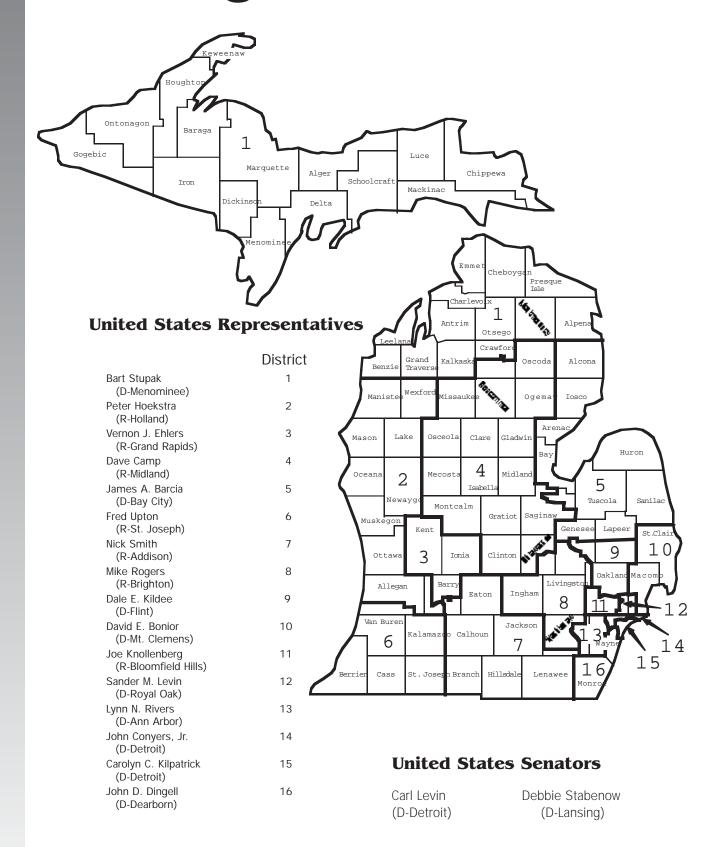


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Library of Michigan's LSTA Program Goals

Michigan's LSTA program seeks to assist libraries in developing service paradigms that incorporate new technologies and models of service, while continuing to meet the service needs of traditional library users, including special populations. The Library of Michigan LSTA program identifies four major goals that are designed to extend and improve library services:

- **Goal I** To develop and fund LSTA programs in support of statewide access to the widest possible range of information for all residents of the state through all types of libraries.
- **Goal II**To increase equity of information access by providing special assistance to areas of the state where library services are inadequate (under served rural and urban communities), and to libraries that are working to provide service to persons having difficulty using a library.
- **Goal III** To support the continued development of information skills through continuing education on a collaborative basis statewide.
- **Goal IV** To foster innovation and technical improvements in information services by unding leading edge projects in libraries, which will serve as models and training centers.

The \$4,891,481 in LSTA dollars that Michigan received for 2001 funded both statewide and local projects focused on bringing technology and Internet resources to the state's libraries as well as supporting services to special populations such as the blind and physically handicapped and children living in poverty.

AccessMichigan

Michigan residents hold the key to an incredible vehicle that can take them to the information they need anytime, anywhere. This powerful tool is known as AccessMichigan, the growing "e-library" offering Michigan residents equitable and easy-to-use electronic access to a core set of information resources. Funded through LSTA and state funds and administered by the Library of Michigan, AccessMichigan services are available through libraries of all types – from school media centers to public libraries to hospital libraries to academic research libraries – with many of the resources available to patrons from home or work via the Web.

AccessMichigan, now four years old, has been described as "the best thing the State Library ever did." Feedback shows an overwhelming consensus that it is a tremendous resource that enables access to information that libraries would not otherwise be able to afford. And AccessMichigan continues to grow.

In fiscal year 2001, the Library of Michigan added a netLibrary collection to AccessMichigan, enabling Michigan libraries and their patrons to use a collection of electronic books. The "MEL Ebooks" startup collection includes approximately 8000 titles in a broad range of subjects, from American history to zoology, in addition to the more than 3,000 public domain items already available through netLibrary. The Library of Michigan expects to continue to add titles to this core collection.

The MEL Ebooks statewide collection is available to all types of libraries and their users at no charge. At their local library, patrons can browse the collection or create their own personal ID and password in order to "check out" books. After this first-time registration a user can access the MEL Ebooks collection from any Internet connection – at the library, home, school, or work.

Also during fiscal year 2001, the Library of Michigan brought in RMG Consulting to do a survey of the technology environment in libraries throughout the state and give recommendations for a statewide resource-sharing plan. Finding that libraries in the state were poised and favorably disposed toward statewide resource sharing, the Action Team for Library Advancement Statewide (ATLAS) began to further investigate statewide electronic delivery of full-text and digitized resources, as well as physical delivery of those items not yet available electronically.

ATLAS' efforts will help further the vision of an easy-to-use finding tool that will point to the valuable resources in Michigan libraries, on the Web, and in other collections and will provide the means to access and use these resources.

With these new initiatives, the Library of Michigan comes closer to achieving AccessMichigan's goal of providing every Michigan resident with access to information anytime, anywhere.

Bibliostat Connect

This is a product that allows a statistical interface for public libraries to statistics that we collect on an annual basis. It provides the capability to make charts and graphs for printing or electronic export, and allows for comparisons between libraries according to variables, such as per capita income, size of collection, population served, etc. It can provide comparisons between libraries within Michigan, and also can provide comparisons to national statistics as well.

Rural Libraries Conference

This conference, partially funded through LSTA, happens every other year and gives staff from smaller libraries a targeted continuing education opportunity. This is particularly important for these libraries, as they often cannot afford to go to the many annual workshops offered throughout the state. The Rural Libraries Conference fits their needs – it takes place in a concentrated time period, making staff coverage "back home" easier, and the cost is subsidized, making it more affordable to attend.

School Library Media Center Study

The Library of Michigan is funding a study of the state's school library media centers to determine whether the presence of a full-time certified school library media specialist in a well-equipped and funded media center has a direct correlation with student achievement on standardized tests. Using MEAP reading scores of students in grades 4, 8 and 11, this study will determine whether test performance is affected by expenditure on library media programs, number and level of staffing, and the number and variety of items in the library media collection, regardless of economic conditions in their communities and schools.

Financial Management Reference Guide and Workshops

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) adopted Statement Number 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. This new accounting pronouncement, which took 15 years to complete, will have a substantial impact on both the format and content of the information included in governmental financial statements. Through LSTA funding, the Library of Michigan has been able to update the existing Financial Management Reference Guide for libraries and to offer workshops throughout the state covering this material.

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Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Traverse City\$3,664.00 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Ishpeming Public School District Library, Ishpeming \$25,000.00 General Technology
Newberry Correctional Facility Library, Newberry \$124,989.00 Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library
Northland Interlibrary System, Alpena
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Alpena\$3,934.00 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Northland Library Cooperative, Alpena
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Alpena
Portage Lake District Library, Houghton \$85,325.00 Promotion and Training
Rudyard School Public Library, Rudyard
Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Marquette\$3,972.00 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped , Marquette\$7,000.00 Library of Michigan-Statewide Project
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc., Marquette
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LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$513,309.00

Previous LSTA project success stories



Steve Wehrle, Telesensory, trains UPLBPD consumers Bernice Kaven and Rose Brisson, to use the Ambassador reading machine at Dickinson County Library.

A few highlights from this district's many successful previous LSTA projects:

"I just finished a computer class and the advice and assistance the young fellows gave was tremendous," said a senior citizen who participated in the adult computer classes at the Spies Public Library.

"This type of collaboration that this project has encouraged in our community is very valuable. The reciprocal links that are being created from our Library and UPCLICS and other community agencies provides a rich and easy to use online information resource for our patrons," said Menominee County Library Director Pat Cheski about the Upper Peninsula Community Linked Information Connection project.

"If you can't see to read anymore, don't sit home and be sad. Contact the Library. It really makes your day," said one visually impaired woman, in a television interview on Channel 6, about the services offered at the Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and People with Disabilities (UPLBPD).

"The young people that were served by this project now have access to the Library of Michigan databases and other Internet resources to be used for research," said Subgrant Administrator Mark Samp about the Alpena Public Schools Libraries' project to establish Internet access for young library patrons.

"We had no idea how many people had never come to us for information because they 'assumed' being small/rural we wouldn't have what they were looking for. Adult registrations have increased nearly 20% due to the advertised web address," said Subgrant Administrator Cindy Lou Poquette about the Indian River Area Library's web-based circulation system with web-accessible catalog.



"With the click of a mouse, minutes from board meetings, building ordinances and a variety of other information can be accessed. As participating agencies grow in number and their sites mature, more and more resources will be conveniently available to more community members than ever before, allowing more citizens to participate in the community," said Subgrant Administrator Maureen Derenzy about the Otsego.org community web page created by the Otsego County Library.



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Hesperia Public Library, Hesperia Children in Poverty	\$16,422.00
Martin Junior/Senior High School Library, Martin General Technology	\$75,000.00
Mid-Michigan Library League Region of Cooperation, Cadillac	\$2,379.00
Muskegon County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Muskegon Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$3,153.00

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$96,954.00

Fremont Area District Library

The Fremont Area District Library established an eight-station Internet training center to serve the training needs of the greater Newaygo County area library staff and patrons, as well as community agencies. "The access to technology and meeting rooms, coupled with a helpful and talented staff, makes us the envy of any town our size in this country," the Fremont City Manager said. A library director in an adjacent community said, "The convenience of the location and scope of the trainings offered helped to improve the level of expertise for our entire staff – everyone was able to participate in at least one training. I really appreciated the 'free' cost."

The library director commented that the project has resulted in the reference staff taking on a major role as community educators. Patrons now look to library staff as expert Internet guides. One patron said, "I know 100 percent more than when I walked in. Excellent, patient instructor! This was basically my first time on any computer. I feel I learned a lot!"

Hesperia Public Library

The Hesperia Public Library, in conjunction with Hesperia Community Schools, sponsored an incentive-based Accelerated Reader program for all high school students, with 56 students participating in the 12-week program, reading a total of 452 books. During the project period, the library issued 34 new cards to teens. Subgrant administrator Elizabeth Nordin said, "I hope there will always be opportunities for libraries to address collection needs and projects that support people who may not recognize the benefits of learning to read well."



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Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Comstock Park \$4,250 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district: \$4,250



Kent District Library

The Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) program serves about 1,400 active users in Kent, Ionia and Montcalm Counties by providing them with recorded books, assistance in selection of reading materials and access to descriptive videos through mail, telephone or walk-in requests. The LBPH extended its hours in 2001, so it is now open 61 hours per week. In fiscal year 2000, LBPH staff answered 17,984 reference questions and circulated 37,897 items. The LBPH, which hired a new part-time Coordinator in February 2001, also end eavors to reach potential users through various publicity and outreach efforts such as a large-print newsletter and visits to retirement communities.

The LBPH has also touched people's lives through adaptive technology. Subgrant Administrator Lisa Scholl shared some stories: "One person who staff assisted with the CCTV said that it was the first time in 20 years that she had been able to see a photo of her family members...A patron, who was shown how JAWS worked with the Internet, came with her husband, a computer programmer. He left with a new awareness of how important it is to write programs that are compatible with adaptive technology software such as JAWS. This demonstrates how having adaptive technology in the library can have an impact beyond our walls."



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Hemlock High School Library, Hemlock General Technology	\$118,407.00
LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001	\$118 407 00

Fairview Area Schools Libraries

The Fairview Area Schools Libraries provided an online catalog and gave all students (K-12) the means of searching for and gathering information so that they can take these skills with them from one grade to the next and have them after they graduate. "Our students can move from elementary to high school to college to the world of work and locate materials on their own while feeling confident using technology in a beneficial way," said the subgrant administrator, Deb Shumaker.



Through preselected sites on the library's home page, elementary students began using relevant student search engines to help them find age-appropriate materials on a variety of topics (endangered animals, solar system, etc.) for class projects. The school also purchased teaching materials on search techniques for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels. High school students continually used the regional online catalog to find materials at nearby libraries and were "awed" at the large number of on-site returns they found due to the capabilities of the automated system. Students attending the local community college under the dual enrollment program were able to use what they learned from the school library for their college courses. "This is the

ultimate goal – having students use their knowledge in a real-world experience," said Shumaker.

Houghton Lake Community Schools Libraries

Houghton Lake Community Schools Libraries purchased and implemented automation hardware and software, making resource sharing a reality and providing equitable access to their collections. Making their automated catalogs available online increased interlibrary loans by 65 percent in the first year. The automated system allows library materials to be processed and available to patrons much faster.

"The best long-term benefits of this grant are to our patrons. They are now able to use our libraries to their fullest potential. Patrons can access our



online systems from any computer in our district or from the Internet if they are home. We are no longer crowded around one card catalog...Students are more successful in less time with the new automated system," said Subgrant Administrator Lisa Sutton.

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Alcona County Library, Harrisville\$10,360.0 Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library	00
Glennie Elementary School Library, Glennie	00
Public Libraries of Saginaw, Saginaw \$22,815.0 Children in Poverty	00
Reese Public School District Libraries, Reese	00
White Pine Library Cooperative, Saginaw	00
White Pine Region of Cooperation, Saginaw\$3,399.0 Regions of Cooperation	00

in support of services to this district:\$278,699.00

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001

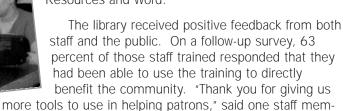
Public Libraries of Saginaw

The Public Libraries of Saginaw, with LSTA funds complemented by a grant from the Gates Library Foundation, upgraded its Computer Training Center with a network server and public workstations, trained four staff members as network administrators and implemented training sessions for area library staff, who then conducted public



training sessions. A total of 108 staff members from 31 different White Pine libraries

attended the 12 training sessions covering these topics: Business/Investment Internet Resources, Genealogical Internet Resources, How to Work with the Public on Computers, Dealing with Difficult Computer Users and How to Teach a Class. The staff then taught classes for the public on Internet, Basic Computer, Genealogy Resources, E-mail, Business Resources and Word.



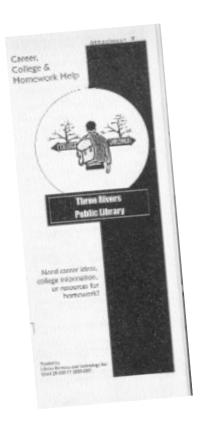
ber. Another added, "Just knowing where to look has been a great help. I have been able to suggest websites quite a bit since the training." Subgrant Administrator Sherrill Smith said, "Clearly the training funded by this LSTA project has helped many libraries take on a valuable new role by offering computer training for their community."

Also with LSTA funds, the Public Libraries of Saginaw developed Saginaw Images, a unique online collection of photographs, artwork and information about Saginaw history. This growing database includes images of works by many Saginaw artists, provided by the Saginaw Art Museum. The digitized images of original photographs, playbills and other source materials, as well as essays and fact sheets, provide a rich resource for teachers, students and anyone interested in Saginaw history.



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Glen Oaks Community College Library, Centreville\$27,200.00 General Technology

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation, Paw Paw\$3,054.00 Regions of Cooperation

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$30,254.00

Three Rivers Public Library

The Three Rivers Public Library established a homework and career development center with CD-ROM stations, print and video materials for middle school and high school students from low-income families. The library purchased equipment and software to help students age 13 to 17 who would not otherwise have access to this kind of resource. The center aims to encourage students' confidence in their computer skills by offering after school and weekend access to top of the line equipment, increasing learning opportunities in certain curriculum areas and providing the necessary information to help students make informed career, college and technical school choices.



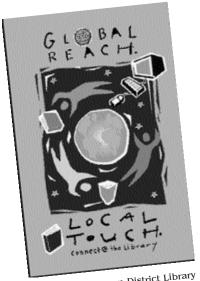
"Providing an abundance of carefully chosen materials with excellent equipment provides equity of information access to students of low income families in the target group," said Subgrant Administrator Jennifer Tice. In addition to a variety of print and video titles, students also have access to electronic resources including general reference sources, word processing programs and educational games designed to build skills. Library staff is pleased to see children and their families and friends enjoying educational yet entertaining software, which is an especially common sight on weekends.

Subgrant Administrator Jennifer Tice said, "This federal grant, administered through the Library of Michigan, is enabling us to provide better service to teens in a way that they appreciate."



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Visit the Van Buren District Library @http://cwicl.jackson.lib.mi.us/van/vanburen.htm

Capital Area Library Network, Inc., Napoleon \$2,477.00 Regions of Cooperation
Charles E. Egeler Correctional Facility Library, Jackson
North Adams-Jerome Public Schools Libraries, North Adams
Olivet Community Schools Libraries, Olivet
Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation, Albion
Willard Public Library, Battle Creek

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$176,471.00

Woodlands Library Cooperative

The Woodlands Library Cooperative expanded and strengthened the Capital Woodlands Internet Center (CWIC) facility by updating its hardware and software and increased use of the center for training librarians and the public. Jackson District Library sponsored training sessions for the general public at CWIC, with such a great response that additional classes were added. With help from a ParentTech grant from the American Library Association, Jackson District Library also held sessions to train parents how to use their home computers with young children. With the success of these public training sessions, the Library now schedules weekly classes and has hired a full-time trainer.CWIC also held AccessMichigan classes for librarians. A school librarian who attended one of the sessions wrote, "One of our local private schools has an assignment in which students are required to find information through a variety of sources. I was able to show students how to find magazine and newspaper articles and how to e-mail information to their home computers." A public librarian remarked, "I see approximately 200 patrons per day, and probably 70% of them need to use AccessMichigan. Before the training I had been limping along...but now I feel competent."

Branch District Library

The Branch District Library, in cooperation with local high school libraries, created a community information network called the Branch County Web to provide an online "one-stop shop" where county residents can easily find local community information. The Library also trained community members in creating their own web pages. The Branch County Web sees over 2000 hits a month from all over the world. "Patrons can now go to one website to find local business, government and organizations' web pages even if one of the big search engines like Lycos or Yahoo do not list them," said Subgrant Administrator Bruce Guy.

The Library's partnership with the local schools also proved beneficial. "Working with the local schools in such a positive way as this project has laid the groundwork for future collaboration...This project has established a line of communications between the public library and the school libraries, which may lead to future cooperation," said Guy.

Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation

The Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation increased resource sharing within the region through training, sponsoring ten hands-on workshops focused on resource sharing for librarians and staff from school, academic, special and public libraries. "SMROC training provided librarians with the skills and knowledge to better serve patrons," said Subgrant Administrator James Seidl. "Without SMROC funding, the majority of attendees would not have attended this type of training due to the cost...Several librarians said SMROC training was the only professional training they attended." Several of the participating libraries, such as the Van Buren District Library, published homepages on the Web.

Participants responded positively, including comments such as, "SMROC training enabled me to select the best resources when working the reference desk" and "Having access and training on how to use AccessMichigan will save my library \$3,500. Patrons in a rural setting are now getting first class materials."

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Howell Carnegie District Library, Howell	\$55,820.00
Promotion and Training	

Mideastern Michigan Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Flint\$3,675.00 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district: \$59,495.00

Michigan State University Libraries

The InMICH project connects the six libraries of Albion College, Southfield Public Library, Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan State University, East Lansing Public Library, Ovid-Elsie Schools and the two Ovid-Elsie Public Libraries. Patrons may search their local catalog followed by an expanded search of the InMICH libraries. The InMICH system indicates shelf status and allows an easy interlibrary loan request procedure.

Students in Dana Blank's Advanced English class at Ovid-Elsie High School are required to use several interlibrary loan books through InMICH for a class research project. Books have been arriving for students in about 48 hours on average. "This quick delivery of materials has changed the way I teach my Advanced English class," says Dana Blank. "The school library/media specialist instructs my students in the use of all AccessMichigan databases, InMICH, MEL Ebooks, and other library resources. The program has been so successful that I have implemented it for my classes at Baker College using the resources at Ovid-Elsie."

Comments from students range from "awesome" to "I really feel prepared for college after this experience." The students are very impressed with how soon they get their materials. They think it is great to receive materials from other libraries to help them with their research. "With the usage of InMICH at Ovid-Elsie our school library interlibrary loan has increased significantly and the quality of research papers is better. We believe we are preparing students to access and evaluate a wider range of materials in preparation for lifelong learning," said Blank.

InMICH has been well received by others as well. "Patron-initiated interlibrary loan was an instant hit, and the patrons are able to view their own records to track the status of the request," said Project Director Colleen Hyslop.



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Lapeer County Library, Lapeer	\$28,055.00
Mideastern Michigan Region of Cooperation, Flint Regions of Cooperation	\$3,851.00
Oakland County Library for the Visually and Physically Impaired, Pontiac Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$7,190.00

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$39,096.00



Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative

The Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative developed a collection of career materials with an emphasis on alternative career opportunities at participating libraries, providing an opportunity for area students to participate in the Baker College-Flint Career Exploration Day and promoting the collections through special events. Each of the school libraries participated in the career day programs at their schools; and over 1000 youngsters attended the special programs featuring author Johnathan Rand, who discussed his occupation and what the library meant to him and his profession.

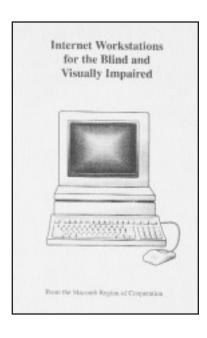
Subgrant Administrator

Roger Mendel said that library staff members have "a new appreciation of the types of careers that may provide youngsters with fulfilling and good paying jobs."



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Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Clinton Township\$5,502.00 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Clinton Township\$60,748.00 Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library
Macomb Region of Cooperation, Clinton Township
Special Technologies Alternative Resources Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Port Huron\$2,678.00 Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001	
in support of services to this district:\$72,72	22.00

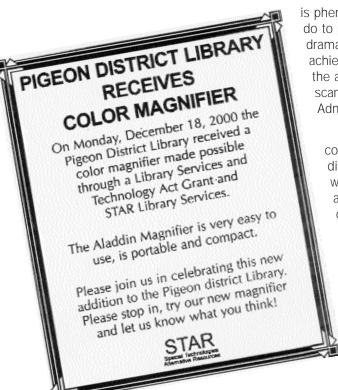
Macomb Region of Cooperation

The Macomb Region of Cooperation provided six Internet workstations for the blind and visually impaired to area libraries. All six participating libraries have had visually impaired patrons specifically request to use the workstations, including senior citizens, who like the large monitor size and ZoomText software that help them view the Internet. The project's success has prompted other libraries in the Macomb Region of Cooperation to ask for their own workstations.

"Patrons have been very pleased with the workstations. At Walsh College, one visually impaired student who used to have her son do her research for her was able to do it herself. Another patron at Walsh College had been asking other departments for this sort of equipment and was pleased to find it at the library. The libraries had wanted to offer this equipment to their patrons, but lack of funding prevented them from doing so. Having this funded by the LSTA grant meant that they were able to offer expanded service to the visually impaired community."

St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources

The St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources (STAR) provides equitable and integrated Internet and word processing access to disabled library patrons and offers training classes for these patrons. STAR offers the disabled the opportunity to select their own materials, place their own interlibrary loans, access e-books, do word processing, use the Internet using Webspeak, work on spreadsheets using Excel, use ZoomText to enlarge text on the computer screen, have the choice of using DECtalk or JAWS for speech and have a Braille or large-print copy of a document.



"The long-term benefit of such a grant project is phenomenal, as there is so much more we can do to provide computer training to our disabled...a dramatic improvement in access has been achieved for our library patrons by the receipt of the adaptive computer, the text to speech scanner and the Braille printer," said Subgrant Administrator Mary Jo Koch.

Another STAR project provided a TTY communication device for the deaf, the hearing disabled, those who have no voice and those whose speech is difficult to understand. STAR also assisted an under served, rural community by purchasing a color magnifier for the Pigeon District Library.

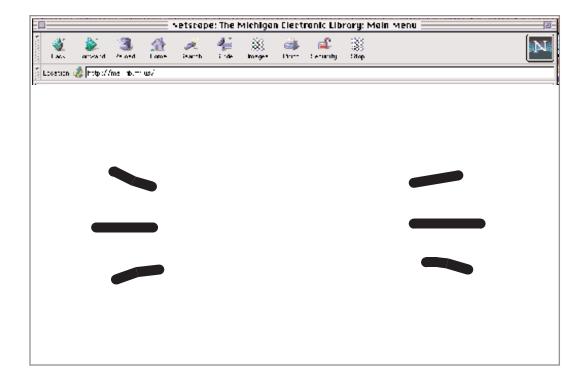
"It has been reported that the use of the magnifier by a Pigeon library patron has enabled her to maintain her independence," said Koch. "The use of the TTY has sent out a message to our deaf communities that we want to do the best we can to meet their library needs."

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Previous LSTA project success stories

Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair Interlibrary Network

The Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair Interlibrary Network (OWLS) fosters innovation, collaboration and resource sharing among its member libraries. OWLS participated in the development of a joint LSTA grant proposal with the Suburban Library Cooperative and the Detroit Area Library Network. This project, funded in the early part of 2001, was named MiLE, or the Michigan Library Exchange. This project is currently receiving LSTA funding as one of two viable models for statewide resource sharing.

"All the libraries in the OWLS Region benefit from the collaborative efforts this grant has always encouraged and made possible. Better communication, grant opportunities, resource sharing and document delivery options, the ability to participate and network with other local libraries are just some of the ways in which the libraries in OWLS collaborate with each other. That said, this year saw our libraries reach a new level of participation and collaboration through the MiLE project. Staff from more than a dozen libraries actively participate in the project," said Subgrant Administrator Eileen Palmer.

Comments about AccessMichigan

"The state of Michigan has done an excellent job with federal funds to date. Projects such as AccessMichigan and a strengthened Michigan Electronic Library have given access to resources that residents might not be able to afford."

"I think AccessMichigan was an excellent way to show that we can even the playing field...university students all the way down to a very tiny elementary school that's in a very rural area have access to the same information, which in my mind is very exciting and is a wonderful use of funds."

"We support the continuation of AccessMichigan using LSTA funds!"

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Warren Public Library, Warren\$15,761.00
Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$15,761.00



Royal Oak Public Library



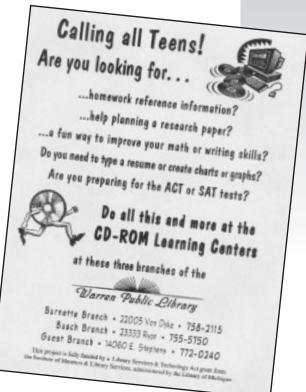
The Royal Oak Public Library established an Internet training center and provides ongoing Internet classes for the public. The training center provides the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to competently use the Internet and to maintain and enhance those skills.

A participant in one of the classes commented, "This has been a terrific avenue for increased familiarity with the Internet, glad to see tax dollars were appropriated for this enrichment class." Another added, "It's nice to see federal money spent this way; please continue the program."

Warren Public Library

Warren Public Library established CD-ROM learning centers, using LSTA funds and a Gates Foundation grant, at the Busch and Guest Branch libraries. The centers each offer four computer workstations with 26 different software programs particularly useful to children and teens.

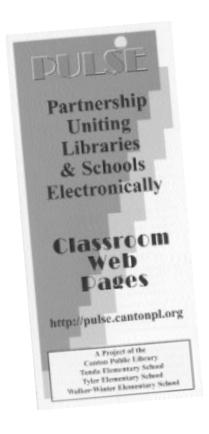
"More teens are finding more of what they need in the library with the addition of these computers and software. More school assignments require computer access and the up-to-date information computer programs can offer...If the one group of teens who said homework was fun with the new computer programs is typical, that alone is a lasting positive impact for a number of teens. Having expanded access to these computers and software has been a great and lasting asset for them. There is no doubt the benefits of the additional computers and software will continue with them into the future," said the subgrant administrator.



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Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, Ann Arbor	\$4,740.00
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	
Wayne County Library, Romulus Branch, Romulus	. \$69,929.00
Wayne County Library, Lincoln Park Branch, Westland Promotion and Training	\$67,170.00
Wayne County Library, River Rouge Branch, Westland	. \$20,450.00
Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and	
Physically Handicapped, Westland	\$ 8,699.00
Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001
in support of services to this district:\$170,988.00

Canton Public Library

The Canton Public Library, in cooperation with local elementary schools, launched Partnership Uniting Libraries & Schools Electronically (PULSE), a unique online learning collaboration that maximizes access for teachers and students to electronic resources of the library. PULSE establishes a "virtual branch" of the Canton Public Library in each classroom, creating customized classroom web pages to which teachers add librarian-identified, age-appropriate Internet resources that complement major classroom assignments. Another key component of PULSE is BookTalk, featuring online, book-related conversations among students to enhance reading and writing skills.

"[PULSE] has led to more contact between teachers and the library, integrated the Internet into the curricula of these classes, improved parents' connections to their children's

classes, and provided a great deal of enrichment to students and teachers alike," states the final evaluation report on the project, put together by Eastern Michigan University's Institute for Community and Regional

Sample Classroom Webpage Canton Public Library Online Internet Branch www.cantompl.org Mr. Smith's Fourth Grade Class at a PULSE Elementary School. October Projects Below are three major projects for October. In addition to the webpages that are highlighted, be sure to check the Canton Public Library's catalog for books and other resources Choose any animal linked on the Animals Webpage. You may also use books. Prepare a report of at least three pages and A PULSE Elementary School's Home include pictures. on the Web. · Animals Webpage Canton Choose a country from the Country Public Library Webpage and prepare a three to five page report. Use statistics and pictures to she Children's Webpage Online Library Catalog what the country is like. Elementary Electric Library Country Webpage World Book Encyclopedia Book Review Select a tale from the Historical Fiction List in the library's Children's Depart-The PULSE project is funded with a ment. After you read the book, prepare a review of 100-200 words to present orally Library Services and Technology grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered to the class. · Historical Fiction List by the Library of Michigan,

Development.

Project Director Jean Tabor said, "The project has helped open the eyes of teachers and principals to the role that libraries already play in the education of children and to the services that professional librarians canprovide...The foundation for a long-term collaboration is now established, and this partnership can be maintained at only a fraction of the cost needed to pilot the project."

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Comments about AccessMichigan

"I think the current use of federal funds to support the AccessMichigan project is a solid decision. By having statewide subscriptions, we are able to 'lift up' all of the libraries in the state so that they can provide comparable services, no matter their size or location."

"I would like to see continued funding for online resources such as MEL and InfoTrac. These are of such a great help to all patrons, young and old, everywhere."

"...the most wonderful thing they have ever done, and I would be perfectly happy if they used all the money to support that. It has been wonderful."

Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation

The Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation (DALROC) promoted resource sharing and networking among libraries by providing a partial subsidy for the cost of interlibrary loan transactions, improving access to all information resources for the public. The patrons of DALROC benefited from 39,776 interlibrary loan transactions, a 19 percent increase over the previous year.

"This project has had an important impact in the Region of Cooperation by encouraging interlibrary loans and resource sharing...Because libraries know they will recover a part of the cost of the transactions, they are more willing to share resources with other libraries," said Subgrant Administrator James Lawrence.

Macomb Region of Cooperation

The Macomb Region of Cooperation (MROC) promotes resource sharing by providing the Macomb Union List of Serials for various libraries in its service area, encouraging reciprocal borrowing and decreasing delivery costs. MROC developed an online database of MROC members' serials holdings and presented workshops on the new database and various AccessMichigan databases.

"The Macomb Union List of Serials is the main objective of this LSTA subgrant. It is a very useful reference tool for local libraries' patrons who are performing research activities and need access to various serial publications in a timely fashion. The online version makes it very convenient for patrons to access from home, work, school or in the library," said Subgrant Administrator Tammy Turgeon.

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Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation, Detroit\$4,549.00 Regions of Cooperation

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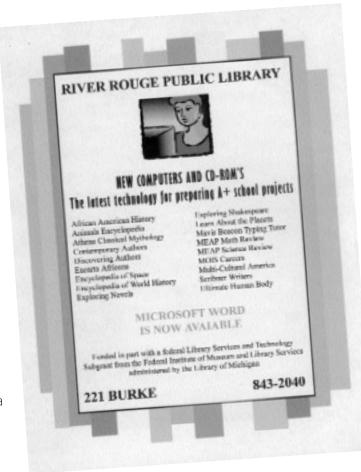


Wayne County Library - River Rouge Branch

The River Rouge Public Library provided computer

access, materials and programs to empower young adults with the desire to read and improve their literacy skills. The library installed computers and conducted enrichment programs for young adults, including computer/Internet classes, a resume help workshop, a Black history celebration and a summer reading program.

"The major impacts of this project were the greatly improved library services for young adults and the change in attitude of young adults and library staff. The project provided additional computer resources, materials and programs for young adults that fostered a desire to improve their computer skills and encouraged them to develop a lifelong love of reading. More young adults are aware of all the resources that are available," said Subgrant Administrator Maria McCarville-Ogg.



Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

The Detroit Subregional Library (DSL) purchased several items to help make it a state of the art facility for handicapped adaptive technology, including a computer mouse that will allow patrons with no use of their hands or feet to use their heads to navigate the screen, a speaking dictionary that allows the visually impaired to find the spelling and meaning of words, and a tutorial on audiocassette that helps patrons learn the computer keyboard. DSL also purchased a closed circuit television to display printed materials for the visually impaired.

"The DSL patrons that are physically handicapped will have better access to the Internet by using the latest technology and special adaptive software that has been acquired with this grant...DSL patrons who make use of the new capabilities will have available a vast array of new information and will have access to the catalogs of many other libraries on the Internet, positive moves which we think will be greeted with enthusiasm," said Subgrant Administrator James Lawrence. In addition, Lawrence said, "As a direct result of this LSTA project, the library has been able to continue a partnership with another agency, which has already resulted in a grant of over \$17,000."

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Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair Region of Cooperation, Southgate \$1 General Technology	25,000.00
Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair Region of Cooperation, Southgate Regions of Cooperation	\$9,326.00
Southgate Community School District Libraries, Southgate\$ General Technology	45,930.00

LSTA subgrants awarded in fiscal year 2001 in support of services to this district:\$180,256.00

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Previous LSTA project success stories

Wayne County Library – Lincoln Park Branch

The Lincoln Park Public Library installed two Internet computer workstations for young adults, created a homework web site with links to college and career sites, invited young adults to form a teen advisory board, presented general Internet and term paper classes, and developed the young adult collection in the areas of computer literacy and career information. Previously, the library had only one Internet computer for all library patrons.

"The homework web page will be able to be updated and the librarians will continue to consult teachers and media specialists in the schools to make useful additions to the web site. The added benefit to students connecting from home is also being realized," said Subgrant Administrator Linda Baum. "This project can provide the further opportunity for the library to collaborate with Lincoln Park School educators for the further benefit of students...our library staff has benefited from the experience of working within a collaborative framework with the schools and students"

Summary of LSTA Subgrants Awarded in Fiscal Year 2001

Children in Poverty

Hesperia Public Library	\$16,422.00
Public Libraries of Saginaw	\$22,815.00
Rudyard School Public Library	\$52,920.00
Wayne County Library, Romulus Branch	\$69,929.00

Funding Area Total \$162,086.00

General Technology

Glen Oaks Community College Library	\$27,200.00
Glennie Elementary School Library	\$49,229.00
Hemlock High School Library	\$118,407.00
Ishpeming Public School District Library	\$25,000.00
Martin Junior/Senior High School Library	\$75,000.00
North Adams-Jerome Public Schools Libraries	\$90,096.00
Northland Library Cooperative	\$125,000.00
Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston	
St. Clair Region of Cooperation	\$125,000.00
Olivet Community Schools Libraries	\$49,902.00
Reese Public School District Libraries	\$88,336.00
Southgate Community School District Libraries	\$45,930.00
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.	\$25,000.00

Funding Area Total \$844,100.00

Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Detroit Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$2,356.00
Grand Traverse Area Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$3,664.00
Kent District Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$4,250.00
Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$5,502.00
Mideastern Michigan Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$3,675.00
Muskegon County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$3,153.00
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$3,934.00
Oakland County Library for the Visually and Physically Impaired	\$7,190.00
St. Clair County Library, Special Technologies Alternative Resources	\$2,678.00
Upper Peninsula Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$3,972.00
Washtenaw County Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled	\$4,740.00
Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$8,699.00

Funding Area Total \$53,813.00

Persons Having Difficulty Using a Library

Alcona County Library \$10,360.00	
Charles E. Egeler Correctional Facility Library	\$6,674.00
Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$60,748.00
Newberry Correctional Facility Library	\$124,989.00
Northland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	\$50,000.00
Warren Public Library	\$15,761.00
Wayne County Library, River Rouge Branch	\$20,450.00
White Pine Library Cooperative	\$104,560.00
Willard Public Library	\$24,500.00

Funding Area Total \$418,042.00

Promotion and Training

Howell Carnegie District Library	\$55,820.00
Lapeer County Library	\$28,055.00
Portage Lake District Library	\$85,325.00
Wayne County Library, Lincoln Park Branch	\$67,170.00

Funding Area Total \$236,370.00

Regions of Cooperation

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Capital Area Library Network, Inc.	\$2,477.00
Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation	\$4,549.00
Macomb Region of Cooperation	\$3,794.00
Mideastern Michigan Region of Cooperation	\$3,851.00
Mid-Michigan Library League Region of Cooperation	\$2,379.00
Northland Interlibrary System	\$1,784.00
Oakland Washtenaw Wayne Livingston St. Clair	
Region of Cooperation	\$9,326.00
Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation	\$2,822.00
Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative Region of Cooperation	\$3,054.00
Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation, Inc.	\$4,721.00
White Pine Region of Cooperation	\$3,399.00

Funding Area Total

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